of this product with petrol and diesel. Government is committed to supply clean and unadulterated fuel to customers. The following steps have been taken to reduce, minimize and eventually eliminate adulteration:-

Government have issued Control Orders under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 namely Naphtha Control Order, 2000, Solvent Control Order 2000 and SKO Control Order, 1993 to prevent the misuse of these products for adulteration of auto fuels. MS/HSD Control Order, 1998 also provides for prevention of use of petroleum products other than MS/HSD as auto fuel. These Orders provide powers of search and seizure to the State Government and Oil Marketing Companies to check adulteration. State Government have been advised to take strict action under these Control Orders against persons indulging in adulteration.

Oil Marketing Companies undertake regular and surprise inspections of Retail Outlets and also take action under Marketing Discipline Guidelines and Dealership Agreement against those indulging in adulteration and malpractices.

Marketing Discipline Guidelines provide for penalty of termination of dealership in cases of adulteration being established.

Oil Marketing Companies have also introduced new temper proof tank-truck locking systems to prevent en route adulteration by transporters.

Trials for introduction of Marker System.

Keeping in view the misuse/diversion for adulteration, the import of SKO by private parties has been canalized through Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies. Measures to check adulteration are kept under continuous review of the Government.

IT solution like monitoring movement of tank-truck through Global Positioning System (GPS) and monitoring level of fuel tanks in Retail Outlets through retail automation.

Quazigund-Baramula Rail Project

†*258. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether time-over run has taken place with regard to Quazigund-Baramula Rail Project;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINSTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD):(a) to (c) The new line from Quazigund to Baramulla is a part of Udhampur Quazigund-Baramulla new line project. The Quazigund-Baramulla section has been targeted for completion during 2005-06. However, the completion of this section is likely to be delayed due to delay in land acquisition and militant activities prevailing in the area. The matter is regularly being pursued with the State Government to resolve land disputes and hand over the land to Railway free of all encombrances. Efforts have also been taken to step up security arrangements on the project alignment.

Incentive for research standard in agriculture

*259. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any incentive scheme for bringing the research level of agricultural research and development institutions of the country above the international standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Several efforts have been initiated over the years to bring about an elevation of standards in the level of agricultural research, development of institutions at par with international standards, like perspective planning, all-round strengthening of research facilities for overall development, human resource development and training, awards for recognition of individual merit and modernization of systems and infrastructure. There is also a specific scheme for incentives to individual scientists and institutions. The ICAR has instituted 89 Awards including 40 annual and 49 biennial, to recognize and reward the performance of its institutions, scientists and even farmers and a journalist. The details are enclosed as statement (*See* below). In addition, the deserving scientists are provided opportunities for training and/or collaborative research in frontier areas at best national